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## BOOK NOTICES.

*The Principles of the American Law of Bailments.* By John D. Lawson, LL.D., Professor of Common Law in the University of the State of Missouri. Pages xv., 667. The F. H. Thomas Law Book Company, St. Louis, 1895.

As is announced on the title page this treatise by Mr. Lawson on the subject of Bailments is a companion to his previous work on Contracts and is written in the same spirit. We notice the same scientific point of view, the same attempt to treat the subject in hand by a close and logical analysis which the earlier text-book displays to such a marked degree. In following out this conception the author has rejected the conventional classification of bailments which has held undisputed sway in our text-books since the days of Lord Holt and Sir William Jones. In its place he adopts a division of the subject into ordinary and exceptional bailments, of which the first includes bailments for the sole benefit of bailor (*depositum* and *mandatum*), those for the sole benefit of the bailee (*commodatum*), and those for the mutual benefit of both parties (*pignus*, *locatio rei*). The second class of exceptional bailments covers the cases where the law imposes certain obligations of a public nature, such as innkeepers and common carriers. This classification is the chief novel feature of the book; it certainly lays out the field in a more scientific way than the older method of treatment, and it is open only to the objection that our authorities from time whereof the memory of man runneth not to the contrary have looked at the subject from the more artificial point of view—a fact which is of considerable practical importance.

Mr. Lawson's book will probably become the most useful elementary text-book on this practical subject, both on account of its thoroughness and its concise character. A first reading points to the chapters on common carriers and the concluding chapters on questions of proof and damages as of especial practical value.

*Law of Garnishment.* By John R. Rood. Sheep, 534 pages. West Publishing Co., St. Paul, Minn., 1896.

This is claimed to be the first text-book ever published which is exclusively devoted to the subject of garnishment. The author